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SUBJ: MUHAMMAD AL-ZAYYAT: ARAB LEAGUE AMBASSADOR-AT- LARGE

1. ARAB LEAGUE SYG RIAD WILL APPOINT FORMER EBYPTIAN FONMIN
MUHAMMED AL-ZAYYAT AS ARAB LEAGUE AMBASSADOR-AT-LARGE TO US
AND EUROPE FOR ENEWABLE PERIOD OF THREE MONTHS. ZAYYAT
WILL APPARENTLY REPLACE CURRENT AMBASSADOR- AT - LARGE ,
LEBANESE LUMINARY GHASSAN TUWAYNI, WHOSE TERM HAS RECENTLY
ENDED.

2. COMMENT: ZAYYAT'S APPOINTMENT HAS BEEN DISCUSSED FOR
SOME WEEKS BY ARAB LEAGUE SECRETARIAT WHICH IS SEEKING
SPONSOR ARTICULATE ARAB LECTURERS TO "EXPLAIN" TO WESTERN
AUDIENCES ARAB/ISRAELI DISPUTE AND PALESTINIAN ISSUE.

3. ZAYYAT, REPLACED BY FAHMY AS EGYPTIAN FONMIN JUST
AFTER OCTOBER WAR, WAS SUBSEQUENTLY MADE " ADVISOR TO
PRESIDENT SADAT" , BUT HAS NOT HAD SUBSTANTIVE JOB SINCE
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LATE 1973. EGYPT NOMINATED HIM IN 1975 TO BE DIRECTOR OF
ALESCO, (ARAB UNESCO) BUT HE DID NOT GAIN POSITION, A RESULT REGARDED
BY GOE AS HUMILIATION FOR EGYPT (NOT ZAYYAT PERSONALLY)
ENGINEERED BY DAMASCUS AND TRIPOLI.

4. ZAYYAT, CAREER DIPLOMAT WITH CONSIDERABLE SERVICE IN
NEW YORK (PERMREP 1969-75), IS PLEASANT , ARTICULATE AND

KNOWLEDGEABLE. HIS PHILOSOPHICAL ORIENTATION IS PRO-WEST.
HE SPEAKS ENGLISH FLUENTLY AS DOES HIS WIFE.

5. FAHMY HAS COMPLAINED TO AMBASSADOR THAT SYG RIAD DID
NOT CHECK OUT ZAYYAT APPOINTMENT WITH SADAT, THAT ZAYYAT
IS NOT KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT PEACE PROCESS, AND ARAB LEAGUE
HAS NO ROLE TO PLAY ANYWAY. SINCE ZAYYAT'S NEW JOB OBVIOUSLY
INVOLVES NO MANDATE IN PEACE PROCESS, FAHMY'S PIQUE
PROBABLY STEMS CHIEFLY FROM CONCERN THAT ZAYYAT, AS EX-FONMIN,
MIGHT BE TAKEN BY UNIFORMED AUDIENCES AS ACCREDITED
SPOKESMAN FOR ARAB SIDE.
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